

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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ANTHONY THOMPSON  
*on behalf of himself and all others  
similarly situated,*

Plaintiff,

- against -

WORLD ALLIANCE FINANCIAL CORP  
*d/b/a* Senior Lending Network, a New York  
Corporation, VERTICAL LEND INC.,  
MORTGAGE WAREHOUSE, DAVID PESKIN,  
and NICHOLAS HAHN,

Defendants.  
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**ORDER**

CV 08-4951 (ADS) (AKT)

**A. KATHLEEN TOMLINSON, Magistrate Judge:**

Before the Court are (1) Plaintiffs' motion for conditional certification of this case as a Section 21(b) collective action [DE 37, 38]; (2) Defendants' motion requesting that the Court appoint lead counsel for Plaintiffs [DE 55]; (3) Plaintiff Lauretti's motion for an order to show cause [DE 58]; (4) Defendants' motion to stay discovery [DE 61]; and (5) Plaintiff Lauretti's motion to strike an attorney designation on certain opt-in forms [DE 67]. Having reviewed the arguments of counsel for both sides, I am granting Plaintiffs' motion [DE 37, 38] for conditional certification of this case as a Section 21(b) collective action. I am also granting Defendants' motion to stay discovery. A written decision addressing these motions and the remainder of the pending motions will be issued subsequently. Discovery in this action is stayed pending issuance of the Court's subsequent Order.

**SO ORDERED**

Dated: Central Islip, New York  
March 31, 2010

/s/ A. Kathleen Tomlinson  
A. KATHLEEN TOMLINSON  
United States Magistrate Judge